

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 and 5 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An engine-driven work machine comprising an engine, a work machine driven by ~~an~~ the engine, and electrical components belonging to the work machine, the engine-driven work machine supplying an output for work while being driven by the engine, and comprising:

an open air machine accommodating section, ~~which is~~ provided in a main body of the work machine and ~~accommodates an~~ accommodating the engine and a the work machine driven by the engine and a fan capturing cooling air via a ventilation path having an inlet; and

a control box for accommodating part of the engine, the electrical components of the work machine, and a fuel tank,

the control box being provided above the open air machine accommodating section, and having the ventilation path ~~that connects to~~ connecting the fan ~~fitted~~ to the engine,

the electrical components and the fuel tank being arranged along the ventilation path,

the electrical components generating low heat being provided upstream on the ventilation path, and the engine generating considerable heat being provided downstream on the ventilation path,

a cross sectional area of the ventilation path decreasing as a distance from the inlet increases.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The engine-driven work machine as described in Claim 1, wherein the ventilation path is connected to an engine cooling air passage of the work machine and a muffler cooling air passage.

4. (Previously Presented) The engine-driven work machine as described in Claim 1, wherein the inlet of the ventilation path is provided in the bottom face of the control box.

5. (Cancelled)